

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YUKI KATAYAMA, ET AL.) : Examiner: Amanda P. Wood
Application No.: 10/531,315) : Group Art Unit: 1657
Filed: April 13, 2005) : Confirmation No. 6439
For: METHOD FOR :
QUANTITATIVELY :
DETERMINING CHOLESTEROL :
IN HIGH DENSITY LIPOPROTEIN :
AND REAGENTS THEREFOR) : July 12, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated June 15, 2007 (Paper No. 20070611) in the above-identified application, as follows.

a.) REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions of:

Group I (Claims 1-5 and 22-26), drawn to a method for quantitatively determining cholesterol in high density lipoprotein in a sample; or

Group II (Claims 6-21 and 27-37), drawn to a reagent and a kit for quantitatively determining cholesterol in high density lipoprotein in a sample.

In response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, namely Claims 1-5 and 22-26.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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